many Cheramar students in the Agricultural schools. Better attention should be paid to the training of the members of the community in agriculture.

The members of the depressed classes did not get equitable representation in public service. There were qualified men among them. They should be encouraged.

The Cheramars were not given adequate representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. At least four members, one from each Division, should be nominated to the Assembly every year.

There was only one member in the Legislative Council to represent the depressed classes. They should be given better representation in future by nominating more members.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Isaac, I have answered some of your representations in my replies to some of the previous speakers. All I can do is to refer you to those replies and to assure you that your other representations will be considered.

146. Suggestions for the advancement of the Vilakkittala Nayars.

MR. K. C. Shadananan Nayar (*Nominated*) spoke about the following needs of his community :—

Full fee concession should be granted to the students of the Vilakkittala Nayar community in all the schools, both vernacular and English, as well as in all the colleges. The community was quite backward in education and was financially very poor. If it was not possible to grant full fee concession, at least the half-fee concession granted to other communities, such as the Muslims, should be allowed.

The men and women students of the community should be granted scholarships to prosecute higher studies in medicine in foreign countries. Preference should also be given to the girls belonging to the community in the matter of training in compounding, nursing and midwifery. Long before the allopathic system of treatment became popular in the country, it was the women of his community who were attending to midwifery work.

Better encouragement should be given to the members of the community in public service. More appointments should be given to the qualified members belonging to the community and they should be exempted from the operation of the rule regarding age-limit for entertainment in public service. Members of the community already in service should be given adequate encouragement. He mentioned the names of some members of his community employed in various offices as deserving special treatment. There were also several other qualified members of the community who were without employment. They should all be entertained in service without any delay.

Members of the community who could read and write, but who did not possess examination qualifications, should be employed in the subordinate ranks of the Land Revenue, Excise, Forest, Education, Judicial,

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Registration and other Departments. Members of the community who had acquired proficiency in the Ayurvedic system of treatment should be exempted from passing the Ayurveda examination and should be awarded grants-in-aid.

Members of the community who were employed as teachers in grant-in-aid schools should be recruited as teachers in departmental schools, their service in the grant-in-aid schools being also counted for pension.

Puduval lands should be assigned to the members of the community on concessional terms. Sanction should also be accorded for the grant of some land for the establishment of a poor-house for the benefit of the community.

Lastly, the member requested that a member should be nominated every year to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly to represent his community. A member from the community should also be nominated to the Legislative Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Shadananan Nayar, as I have said more than once, the extension of fee concessions and the grant of scholarships can be considered only when our financial condition improves.

Applications from members of your community are given special consideration, when classes for compounders, nurses and midwives are opened.

Qualified members of your community, as well as of others, are entertained in all departments of Government services when there are vacancies. There is no justification whatever for granting any concession in the way of confirmation or increase of pay when once they have entered service. It does not help them at all by your mentioning their names.

The Departments of Land Revenue, Excise, Forest, and others are all open to members of your community. There is no reason to exempt them, however, from the examinations laid down by the Ayurveda Department.

Government have accepted the principle of recruiting a certain number of teachers in departmental schools from among the aided school teachers.

Your community can put in applications for lands which are available for assignment.

The question of representation in the Assembly and in the Legislative Council will be considered with the reform of the one and the revision of the rules of the other.

147. The disabilities and grievances of the fishing community of Travancore.

MR. L. A. NETTO (*Nominated*) said that the subject he wanted to speak about was the same as the one he represented at the previous

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